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D FOOD MEETING

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1. ON SEPTEMBER 7 RABOT, THE EC DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR
GRICULTURE,
TOLD MISSION OFFICERS THAT THE COMMISSION HAS RELUCTANTLY DECIDED TO
ATTEND THE FAO MEETING CALLED BY DG BOERMA FOR SEPTEMBER 20
IN ROME.

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2. RABOT SAID THAT THIS DECISION WAS TAKEN IN PART ON THE

STRENGTH OF A REPORT RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION FROM THE EC REPRESENTATION IN WASHINGTON THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ON SEPTEMBER 6 HAD DECIDED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SEPTEMBER 20 FAO ROME MEETING AT AN ASSISTANT-SECRETARY LEVEL.

3. MISSION OFFICERS EXPRESSED DOUBTS THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS INDEED TAKEN SUCH A DECISION ON SEPTEMBER 6 AND STATED THAT WE WOULD INQUIRE ABOUT WASHINGTON'S POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT AND INFORM THE COMMISSION AFTER HAVING RECEIVED GUIDANCE.

4. ON SEPTEMBER 10, WE CONVEYED THE SUBSTANCE OF THE U.S. POSITION IN REFTEL TO COMMISSIONER LARDINOIS' CHEF DE CABINET, WIJNMAALEN. (RABOT HAS DEPARTED FOR THE GATT MINISTERIAL IN TOKYO.) WIJNMAALEN TOOK NOTE OF OUR COMMENTS, BUT HAD NO IMMEDIATE REACTION. GREENWALD UNQUOTE RUSH

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